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This report contains the results from the **2011 September Ag Yield** and **Objective Yield Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

**Second Highest Rice Yield on Record Forecasted**  
**Second Largest Corn Crop on Record Forecasted**  
**Cotton, Sorghum, and Soybean Production Up from 2010**

Arkansas **corn** for grain production is forecast at 70.1 million bushels, down 3 percent from last month's forecast but up 23 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the second largest corn crop in Arkansas history, behind 2007's record high production of 99.7 million bushels. Based on conditions as of September 1, yield is expected to average 146 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from both last month and last year. Producers expect to harvest 480,000 acres of corn for grain, up 26 percent from 2010. Arkansas **all cotton** revised planted area is 680,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from June 2011. All cotton harvested area is estimated at 660,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from the August 1 forecast and up 120,000 acres from 2010. All cotton production is forecast at 1.4 million 480-pound bales, up 100,000 bales from the August 1 forecast and up 224,000 bales from last year. Yield is expected to average 1,018 pounds per harvested acre, up 43 pounds from the August 1 forecast but down 27 pounds from last year's yield. Arkansas **rice** revised planted area is 1.2 million acres, up 2 percent from June 2011. Breakdowns by grain length are: long grain planted area is 940,000 acres, medium grain planted area is 255,000 acres, and short grain planted area is 1,000 acres. The 2011 total rice production for the state is forecast at 80.9 million hundredweight (cwt), up 2 percent from the August 1 forecast but down 30 percent from last year's production. Based on conditions as of September 1, the all rice yield for 2011 is forecast at 7,000 pounds per acre, up 150 pounds from the August 1 forecast and up 520 pounds from last year's yield. If realized, this would be the second highest rice yield on record, behind the 7,230 pounds per acre in 2007. Producers expect to harvest 1.16 million acres of rice, down 35 percent from 2010. **Sorghum** for grain production in 2011 is forecast at 7.92 million bushels, up 10 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 194 percent from a year ago. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 88 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from the August 1 forecast and up 11 bushels per acre from last year. Area for grain harvest, at 90,000 acres, is up 157 percent, or 55,000 acres from 2010. **Soybean** production in 2011 is forecast at 117 million bushels, up 3 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 6 percent from the previous year. Based on September 1 conditions, Arkansas soybean yield is forecast at 37 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the August 1 forecast and up 2 bushels from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 3.17 million, up 20,000 acres from 2010.

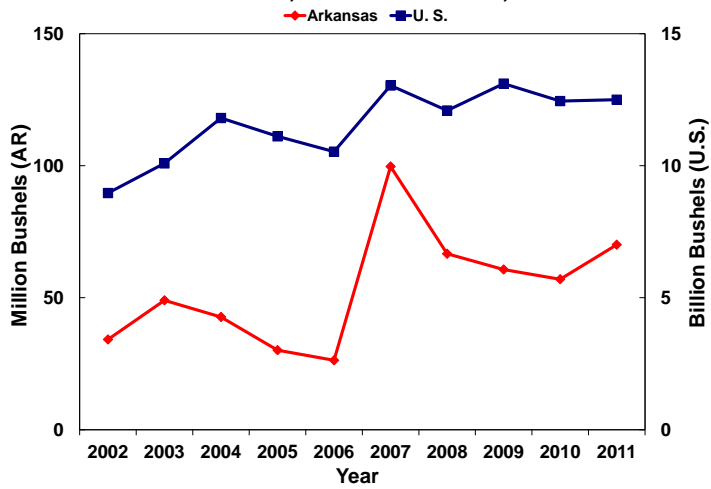
**Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2010 and Forecasted September 1, 2011**

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	380	480	150	146	57,000	70,080
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	540	660	1,045	1,018	1,176	1,400
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	1,785	1,155	6,480	7,000	115,675	80,850
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	35	90	77	88	2,695	7,920
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,150	3,170	35	37	110,250	117,290
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	81,446	84,388	152.8	148.1	12,446,865	12,497,070
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	10,698.7	9,849.5	812	807	18,104.1	16,556.2
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	3,615	2,624	6,725	7,273	243,104	190,854
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	4,808	4,388	71.8	55.6	345,395	244,094
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	76,616	73,823	43.5	41.8	3,329,341	3,085,340

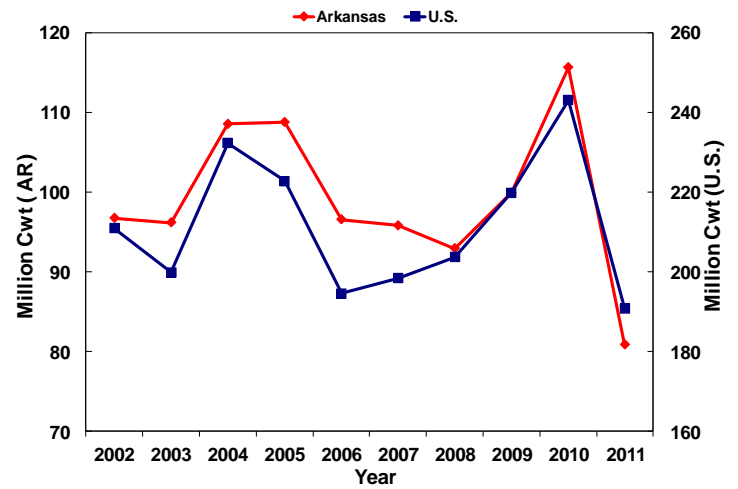
<sup>1</sup> Cotton yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in 480 pound bales.

<sup>2</sup> Rice yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in hundredweight (cwt).

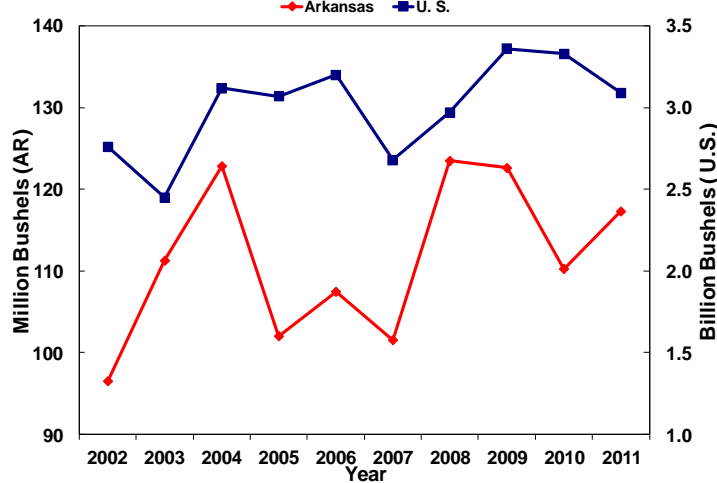
**Corn: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2002-2011<sup>1</sup>**



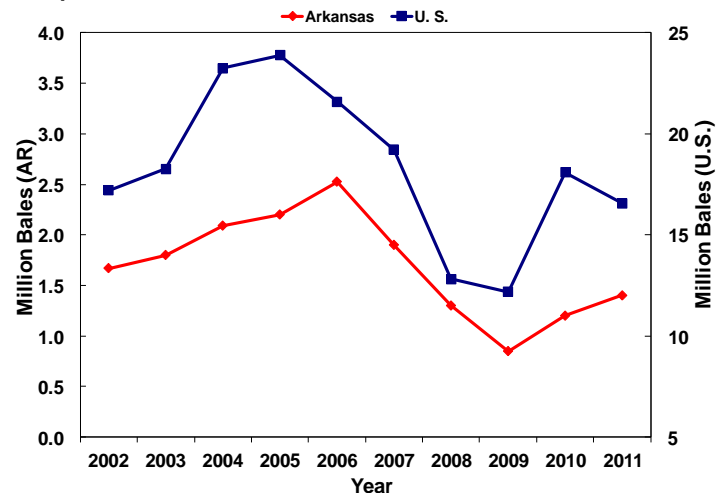
**Rice: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2002-2011<sup>1</sup>**



**Soybean: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2002-2011<sup>1</sup>**



**Upland Cotton: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2002-2011<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Forecasted production for 2011 as of September 1, 2011